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specification, the claims and the drawings. Further, 37 C.F.R 1.81(c) sets forth that “drawings may include illustrations that facilitate an understanding of the invention (for example, flow sheets in cases of processes, and diagrammatic view).” It is respectfully submitted that text included in Figures 1-18 of the present invention is “not excessive” and is “necessary” to understand the claimed invention.

For example, Figure 2 of the present invention is a table to help explain a file format in storing data on an optical disc. Therefore, legends describing such a file format are essential to the understanding of the claimed invention. Likewise, Figures 3-4 include details to help explain a hierarchical structure of the stored information on an optical disc, and hierarchical structure of the management data in video information, respectively.

Thus, although the contents of the drawings may appear to be excessive, it is nevertheless essential to the understanding of the claimed invention. In view of the above, Applicant respectfully requests that the objections to the drawings be withdrawn.

Substitute Figures 1-18 enclosed with this response conform to the margins set forth under 37 C.F.R. 1.84. Entry and consideration of the substitute Figures 1-18 is respectfully requested.

Applicant believes the amendments and remarks presented hereinabove to be fully responsive to all of the grounds of objections raised by the examiner.

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Consequently, in light of the above discussion and in view of the present amendment, the present application is believed to be in condition for allowance and an early and favorable action to that effect is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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